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September 10, 1993

Mr. Andrew Barrett  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am a television industry executive and a "cable" consumer living on Long Island, N.Y. serviced by Cablevision.

Recently I received the much anticipated September bill which, according to my understanding of the new rules and regulations, should have reflected some relief from the overbearing prices we already pay. Well much to my surprise and the outrage that followed, Cablevision has raised the price once again. At minimum, I thought they had to nullify the 10% increase which was put in place immediately after Congress overrode the former President's veto. That of course was after a similar increase took place earlier in 1992.

As far as I'm concerned Chuck Dolan has made a total mockery of this new set of rules. The inserts which were included in the mailing tell us that Cablevision is a fair player and acting totally within the law, what a joke!

Another thing which is very unsettling are the retransmission negotiations taking place between Cablevision and the local broadcasters. While Cablevision, with their new breakout of services/tiers and the respective prices, maintains they may be forced into taking certain broadcast signals off the system, how can they possibly justify a \$7.96 per month "Broadcast basic" tier?

The bottom line is I, like many of my neighbors, am totally fed up with having to deal with this local "monopoly." Cablevision should be forced into true compliance with the new rules or they should lose their local franchise/charter.

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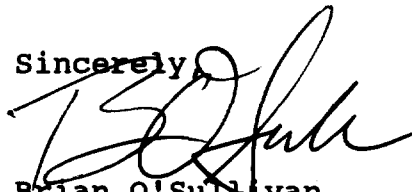
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As a rule of thumb I've read that 80% of cable subscribers will see reductions, and the other 20% increases. I guarantee the majority of Cablevision customers will experience an increase in rates. I guess Cablevision likes playing by their own rules.

I have enclosed a copy of my bill, and the various inserts that come with it. I strongly protest these new rates and the assertions that Cablevision is just going along with the new rules because they have to. Cablevision is playing a nasty game with my monthly dollar and I don't appreciate it.

Please take the time to look at what Cablevision is doing, and correct it retroactive to September. If nothing can be done to offset this bloodsucking, I highly recommend allowing competition to enter the playing field. The Telephone companies would love to have access to Long Island's cable customers, maybe they should.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. O'Sullivan", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Brian O'Sullivan  
120 Valley Avenue  
Lattingtown, N.Y. 11560

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS:**

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- *Long Island One*
- *C-SPAN*
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- *ValueVision*
- *WLIG*
- *WNYC*

**Spectrum Services:**

*Any 4* – \$4.50 (includes addressable equipment)

*Any 1* – \$1.95 (equipment, if required, is available at a discounted price of \$1.50 (\$3.45 total))

All premium services are available with Broadcast Basic. Equipment is optional with some tiers of service and required for others.

NOTE: Under New York State law, you may, within 45 days of your receipt of this notice, downgrade or terminate your service at no charge.

IMPORTANT SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION: The listed programs, packages and services are Cablevision's current offerings. The programs, packages, services, number of channels, content, format, rates and other aspects of Cablevision's offerings are subject to change or discontinuance at any time in accordance with applicable law.

**CABLEVISION**

**IMPORTANT  
NEWS  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
RATES**

August 1993

Dear Subscriber:

As you may know, the cable law that Congress passed last year created new rules that will change the rates you pay and the way your monthly bill looks. This letter explains the steps Cablevision will take to comply with the law and how these changes will affect you.

Under the new rules, monthly rates will be adjusted by applying a complex formula that is meant to reflect "fair" market rates. At the same time, premium prices will increase while some equipment charges will be reduced or eliminated.

**The net effect of these changes will vary from subscriber to subscriber, depending on the mix of service and equipment. Some will realize a reduction in their monthly bill, some an increase and others will have virtually no change. Overall, the average Cablevision customer's bill will decrease.**

Historically, cable operators have kept programming rates somewhat lower by offsetting them with equipment rates such as charges for additional outlets. The new rules eliminate this offset, lowering equipment charges and causing, in some cases, a corresponding increase. (If, in the past, you have refused the convenience of cordless remotes or additional connections because of the cost, you now may wish to reconsider these options at their new lower prices.)

As calculated under the formula, the current rates for Broadcast Basic and Family Cable are close to the rates permitted by the government. However, the rates will be adjusted in order to comply precisely with the law effective September 1, 1993. Other rate changes, including adjustments in premium rates, will also go into effect in September.

For your information, the attached rate card illustrates exactly what changes will occur as we make the transition to the new rules.

Cablevision has also elected to eliminate some charges and because the law directs cable companies to reduce and "unbundle" equipment charges and other expenses from programming charges. Accordingly, you will notice the following changes on your September bill:

- **The charge for additional outlets without converters receiving Family Cable or Broadcast Basic will be eliminated.**

You will be able to add as many outlets as you wish without an increase in your monthly charge. (There may be a one-time charge for installation of additional outlets.)

- **The rate for wireless, addressable converters will be lowered to \$2.63 per month.**
- **The monthly rate to receive premium services on additional outlets will be \$2.00 per household.**

For example, the rate for your first additional outlet with premium services and a converter will be \$4.63 – which includes the reduced \$2.00 charge for your household's premium service. Thereafter, any additional outlets will only cost \$2.63 for the equipment because the \$2.00 service fee is charged only for premium services on your first additional outlet.

- **Beginning in September, your bill will be itemized to a greater degree than in the past.**

For example, franchise fees – the percentage of your bill that is collected by your state and local governments – will be listed separately. This is not a new charge. Up to now, it has been factored into your overall service charge.

These changes are in full compliance with the new federal regulations and will take effect in September 1993.

We realize this is a complex matter. Cablevision will continue to keep you informed about how the law will affect your service. We have enclosed a rate card that illustrates how your bill will change as we make the transition to the new rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your local Cablevision service center.

Sincerely,

 **CABLEVISION**

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September 1993

Dear Subscriber:

This is to inform you of additional changes to your cable service that may occur on October 6. New rules under the 1992 Cable Act may force us to move some or all of the following stations to new channel positions on your cable service:

WCBS	WNBC	WNYW	WABC
WWOR	WPIX	WXTV	WNJU
WLIG	WNET	WLIW	WNYC

We can't predict exactly how your channel lineup will change because that's up to your local broadcast TV stations. Under the new law, effective October 6, the broadcasters may:

- Select their channel positions on the cable dial – even if their demands force us to make room for them by moving cable programs to other channel positions; or
- Force additional lineup changes by pulling their stations off Cablevision.

In complying with the federal law, Cablevision will work hard to minimize the disruptions to your cable service that the new rules may cause. We will also keep you informed through mailings, advertisements and other communications.

**CABLEVISION**

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August 1993

Dear Subscriber:

In our previous letter, we informed you about possible changes in your cable TV service due to the new cable law that Congress passed last year. As required by law, this letter provides important information about how your cable TV service may change.

**Under the new law, five area commercial broadcasters may deny Cablevision the right to continue to provide you with their programming after October 6th. The stations are:**

WCBS (Ch. 2)	WNYW (Ch. 5)	WPIX (Ch. 11)
WNBC (Ch. 4)	WABC (Ch. 7)	

Cablevision is negotiating with these broadcasters, trying to induce them to permit us to bring you their stations after the deadline. Because we generally enjoy good relationships with broadcasters, we are hopeful of success.

However, there's no guarantee that all the stations listed above will give us permission, and no way to predict what they'll demand in return. By law, these decisions are entirely up to the broadcasters.

Should any local broadcaster decide to "pull the plug" on Cablevision subscribers on October 6th – a situation we will do our best to avoid – you may be able to continue receiving a signal by using an antenna. Cablevision will provide substitute programming in the event that a broadcaster takes a station off our channel lineup.

We will continue to keep you informed of new developments. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-944-0089.

Sincerely,

**CABLEVISION**

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# RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Basic/Family	Previous	Sept. '93	Differential
Broadcast Basic	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.22	- \$ 1.73
Broadcast Basic	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.22	
Family Cable	\$12.50	\$14.37	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22.45</b>	<b>\$22.59</b>	<b>+ \$ 0.14</b>

Premium Service Increments	Previous	Sept. '93	Differential
Plus One Premium	\$13.55	\$13.99	+ \$ 0.44
Plus Two Premiums (Sports Package)	\$17.55	\$19.55	+ \$ 2.00
Plus Two Premiums	\$22.70	\$24.70	+ \$ 2.00
Plus Three Premiums (Sports Package)	\$26.70	\$28.70	+ \$ 2.00
Plus Three Premiums	\$28.10	\$30.10	+ \$ 2.00
Rainbow	\$36.00	\$38.00	+ \$ 2.00
Rainbow Gold	\$48.55	\$50.55	+ \$ 2.00

NOTE: Premium increments are added to Broadcast Basic and Family Cable (combined rate \$22.59) to reflect full monthly rate.

Equipment/Additional Outlets	Previous	Sept. '93	Differential
Addressable equipment with remote	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.63	- \$ 2.37
Additional outlet without equipment	\$ 4.50	FREE	- \$ 4.50
Fee for premium programming on additional outlet	\$ 4.50 (per outlet)	\$ 2.00 (per household)	- \$ 2.50(1st set) - \$ 4.50 (each additional set)

Examples	Previous	Sept. '93	Differential
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The following examples illustrate how new rates affect subscriber bills.

Broadcast Basic	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.22	
Family Cable	\$12.50	\$14.37	
Additional outlet without equipment	\$ 4.50	\$ 0.00	
		<b>\$22.59</b>	<b>- \$ 4.36</b>
Broadcast Basic	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.22	
Family Cable	\$12.50	\$14.37	
Plus Two Premiums	\$22.70	\$24.70	
Two additional outlets without equipment	\$ 9.00	\$ 2.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54.15</b>	<b>\$49.29</b>	<b>- \$ 4.86</b>
Broadcast Basic	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.22	
Family Cable	\$12.50	\$14.37	
Rainbow	\$36.00	\$38.00	
Addressable equipment with remote	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.63	
Additional outlet without equipment	\$ 4.50	\$ 2.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67.95</b>	<b>\$65.22</b>	<b>- \$ 2.73</b>

Some customers will realize savings from reductions on additional outlets and addressable equipment. These reductions will offset the increase indicated on primary level of service.

Notes: All rates include State fees and local franchise fees.

A schedule of installation and one-time charges are available from Customer Service.

Prices for equipment do not include sales tax.



# CHANNELS<sup>®</sup>

All About Your Cable Television Service

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**CABLEVISION**

September 1993

Pay Per View Calendar Inside!

## Cable Act Q & A

Many of our subscribers have been contacting us with questions about news stories they've seen regarding the new cable law and how it may change the way they receive broadcast television stations.

These changes are important news for cable subscribers and everyone who watches TV. Here, for your information, is a sampling of the questions subscribers are asking and our responses:

**Q:** What does the cable law have to do with broadcast television stations?

**A:** The 1992 Cable Act gives broadcasters (such as local affiliates of major networks like ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, as well as independent stations) the option of taking their stations off cable.

Broadcasters who have chosen this option — called *retransmission consent* — are demanding compensation from cable companies in exchange for allowing carriage of their stations on cable.

**Q:** What does this mean to me?

**A:** There's no guarantee that the broadcasters who have chosen retransmission consent will give us permission to carry them after the deadline on October 6. In that event, the broadcasters will take their stations off Cablevision.

Should that occur — a situation we will do our best to avoid — you will be able to continue receiving the broadcast stations by using an antenna. Also, we will provide substitute new programming in the event that a broadcaster takes a station off Cablevision.

**Q:** So the only difference will be that I'll get my broadcast stations over my antenna rather than through my cable system?

**A:** Generally speaking, yes. However, although cable provides better reception of broadcast TV stations, the strength of your antenna reception is dependent upon where you live.

**Q:** What happens next?

**A:** Cablevision is negotiating with broadcasters, trying to convince them to permit us to continue to bring you their stations after the deadline. Because we generally enjoy good relationships with broadcasters, we are hopeful of success. We're encouraged that some broadcasters have already given us permission to carry their stations.

However, there is no guarantee that every broadcaster will give us permission. These decisions are entirely up to them.

**Q:** What is Cablevision's position?

**A:** We believe that cable subscribers should not be forced to pay for broadcast stations that their neighbors, without cable, receive for free. Cablevision thinks it is unfair for broadcasters to charge for a signal that they can transmit free of charge "over the air" because they have been granted a government-approved (FCC) license.

Cablevision wants to continue bringing you your local broadcast stations. We will work hard to make sure that changes resulting from the cable law will result in as little disruption to your cable service as possible.

We will continue to keep you informed of new developments. If you have any immediate questions, please call your local Cablevision service center or our toll-free hotline at 1-800-944-0089.



**Whitaker vs. Chavez** – The WBC Welterweight Championship bout, live from the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

WWF SummerSlam '93 – \$27.95/\$20.95 Club  
 Pernell Whitaker vs. Julio Cesar Chavez – \$29.95/\$24.95 Club  
 WCW Fall Brawl – \$24.95/\$19.95 Club  
 College Football – \$8.95/\$6.95 Club (Per Game)

## MOVIES

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## TITLES

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The Crying Game (1:48)  
Groundhog Day (1:41)  
Mad Dog & Glory (1:37)  
Malcolm X (3:22)  
Nowhere to Run (1:35)  
Scent of a Woman (2:37)  
Sniper (1:39)  
Sommersby (1:53)  
Untamed Heart (1:42)  
The Vanishing (1:50)  
WWF SummerSlam® '93 (3:00)  
Whitaker vs. Chavez (2:00)  
College Football (3:30)  
WCW Fall Brawl (3:00)

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**Groundhog Day** – Does practice really make perfect? Ask Bill Murray, who keeps living the same day over and over again.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	<p><b>To order pay per view call:</b></p> <p><b>364-VIEW (364-8439)</b></p> <p><b>Addressable service required.</b></p>
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## Connecting Classrooms to the World

**M**any schools on Long Island have taken advantage of a new, innovative learning tool: Cable in the Classroom. Sponsored by Cablevision, Cable in the Classroom offers schools the opportunity to receive commercial-free educational cable television programming which is used at a teacher's discretion to enhance instruction in a variety of subjects.

Cable in the Classroom allows students to have a firsthand look at the variety of life on the planet. Captivating programming, from documentaries to opera, ballet, and theatre performances, such as Bizet's *Carmen*, *Swan Lake*, and *West Side Story*, fits virtually every curriculum: history, science, language, the arts.

"Cable programming adds another dimension to the learning experience," says Charles Backfish, a social studies teacher at Smithtown High School. "And students readily respond to a visual presentation." Mr. Backfish periodically uses C-SPAN, cable television's public affairs channel, and Arts and Entertainment Network (A & E), to supplement his lessons.

Joanne Varrichio, a sixth grade teacher at Garden City Park Elementary School (pictured, below, with a few of her students), says Cable in the Classroom sharpens her students' listening and comprehension skills. After the children watch CNN's *Assignment: The World*, for example, she quizzes their recall of the day's news with a friendly contest.

For more information on Cable in the Classroom, contact your local Cablevision office.



Cable in the Classroom is a weekly part of Ms. Varrichio's class.

## Congratulations To Scholarship Winners!

Five high school graduates from the class of '93 each received \$2,000 from Cablevision toward their college education:

**Thomas Drogan**, H. Frank Carey High School, Franklin Square, plans to attend St. John's University and major in business management. **Georgina Garcia**, Brentwood High School, has decided to major in communications at Dartmouth University.

**Danielle Ilacqua**, Glen Cove High School, will study pre-law at the State University of New York at Binghamton. **Richard Orlowski**, Mattituck-Cutchogue High School, has chosen environmental engineering at the University of Rhode Island. **Clayton Virgil**, Freeport High School, is set to major in business/computer science at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Cablevision: A Part of Long Island's History

**L**ong Island Sports Network (LISN), the first ongoing school sports television coverage in the metropolitan area, debuted in October 1982.

Over the years, LISN has provided kickoff to touchdown coverage of high school and college sports all over Long Island. Fans of football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, ice hockey, wrestling, baseball, and lacrosse can see these games on Long Island One, Cablevision's new network for local community programming. LISN can also be seen on Channel 30 in Nassau County and in

some areas of Suffolk County, weekdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 9:30 am.



Long Island Sports Network covering a high school football game in the early '80s.